

**National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Oklahoma State Society
Canadian Valley Chapter
Meeting Minutes, May 27, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Eric Koonce.

Opening prayer was offered by Compatriot Jim Williams.

President Eric Koonce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge and Mission statement were read by the group, led by President Eric Koonce.

Welcome:

President Koonce offered a warm welcome to those in attendance, and recognized guest Joe Morgan, a new member prospect, and representatives from the Ladies Auxiliary, Rebecca Vernier and Beverly Rupert. All gave greetings from their respective organizations. Our special speaker for the meeting, Chief John Corn of the Yukon Police Department, was unable to make the meeting.

Old Business:

*Reading of the April 2025 meeting minutes was presented. Mark Reichardt motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Joe Sieber seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

*The Treasurer's report was presented. Jim Williams motioned to accept the report, and it was seconded by Tom Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

*New Member Report: President Koonce swore in new member Corey Grubb.

*Medals and Awards Report: Sec/Treas Crow advised that a record book has been put together for members of the Color Guard. They should be keeping track of their activities and attendance for future awards. Training on the records will be provided at a later time. President Koonce then presented shoulder epaulets to Commander Mike Williams and Lt. Jim Williams to identify their rank with the Color Guard.

*Color Guard Report: Commander Williams reported the Color Guard has been involved in several events. They participated with the Oklahoma City Chapter's Color Guard at the Oklahoma City Comets Baseball game on April 19, marking the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's ride. The Comets marketing team presented a video of Revere and the Lexington/Concord battles as the Color Guard marched on the field. A musket display was a crowd delight, but startled some of the players! The Guard has also attended the US Naturalization ceremonies, participated in the Armed Forces Day parade in McAlester, presented Flag Certificates to the Yukon Police Department and Canadian Valley Christian Academy, and participated in the Compatriot Grave Marking of Edward Williams. The El Reno National Day of Prayer was attended as well. We participated in the Patriot Grave Markings in Ste. Genevieve, Mo, over Memorial Day weekend. Keeping very busy!

*JROTC Committee: Compatriot Grubb reported he has been in touch with Compatriot Ken Young at the State Society about medals and awards for high school and college-level JROTC award winners. We will be ready in 2026.

New Business:

***State Society President Henry Baer then swore in the new officers to serve a two-year term. They are:**

President: Eric Koonce

Vice-President: Corey Grubb

Secretary/Treasurer: Craig Crow

Registrars: Tom Thompson and Noel Grubb

Chaplain: Jim Williams

***Sec/Treasurer Crow, who also serves as Chairman of the State Committee Growth and Expansion, presented to the chapter the need to sponsor the new chapter being formed in McAlester, which will be the Indian Nations Chapter of Oklahoma. Oklahoma City and Tulsa have declined to sponsor, and Norman never responded with an answer. Crow advised that the sponsorship was not going to require a lot more than providing Color Guard support when available, and the need for Dual members to meet the requirements as set forth by the NSSAR National Society. The target date for the chartering of the new chapter is August 1, 2025, and a tentative date has been set for August 9, 2025, for the Charter meeting. A discussion by those present came to the conclusion that the distance to McAlester was too great for regular chapter support, but Canadian Valley wholeheartedly would become the sponsor.**

***Sec/Treasurer Crow then discussed the need to create a speakers bureau within the chapter. It is imperative that we let the schools and churches know we are available to make presentations in the classroom.**

***Flag certificates were presented to the Yukon Police Department and Canadian Valley Christian School. We need to have more businesses to present these certificates.**

***Compatriot Noel Grubb and President Koonce have been working on a chapter logo and are almost finished. It will be sent around by email to the membership in the near future for approval. It will then be sent through the state society to get the National Society's approval for use.**

***Venue options: We will be looking over the Summer months for a new meeting location.**

***Future Calendar of Events:**

The Chapter Social Fish Fry is set for July 26th at Compatriot Jim Williams' home. The Oklahoma City Chapter has been invited as well. The Fort Reno 150th Birthday Celebration is set for June 25th; Boy Scout Flag presentation at Williams Memorial Church in Bethany on June 9; Flag presentation for the Oklahoma Praries DAR will be at the Eldon Lyon Park in Bethany on June 14; US Naturalization on June 27; a membership recruitment event will be at the LDS in El Reno on June 18; the Bethany Boom and Edmond Libertyfest Parades, and OKC Comets on July 4; July 15 will be the US Naturalization Court at the Oklahoma History Center; and there will be a Veterans presentation with the Norman chapter on July 29; Sept 5-6 will be the Mustang Western Days parade and Celebration; Oct 4 is the CzechFest in Yukon. We want ideas for possibly selling items at both of the last two events. There will be some costs involved in being in the parades and having membership information booths after the parades.

Open Discussion:

***Oklahoma City Chapter President Mark Reichardt donated two bronze Good Citizenship Medals to President Koonce to help Canadian Valley with their efforts with the public. He then announced he had presented Compatriot Steve Miller the Distinguished Service Medal at their chapter meeting earlier in the month, and wanted to recognize Miller for his service to the Oklahoma City chapter. This was well received.**

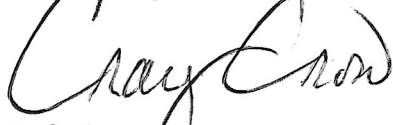
***President Koonce then presented Compatriots Jim and Mike Williams the NSSAR Memorial Membership Certificate for their father, Compatriot Edward Williams.**

***President Koonce then presented Compatriot Craig Crow the Distinguished Service Medal for his service to the Canadian Valley Chapter.**

***President Koonce then led the chapter in the SAR Recessional.**

***Chaplain Jim Williams then closed the meeting with the benediction.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Craig Crow".

**Craig Crow
Canadian Valley Secretary/Treasurer**